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BANGALORE SATELLITE EARTH STATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on Bangalore Satellite Earth Station by C. DoT, Bangalore for providing Satellite Phone Services;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Satellite Earth Station is not in use at present;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the plan proposed to revive this and put in use?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI T/ SIKADAR)

(a) The amount spent so far on this project is Rs. 21.8 crores including the cost of mobile terminal equipment.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that satellite earth station installed for Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) is not presently in use.

(c) There was unstable performance of MSS transponders installed on INSAT-2C and INSAT - 3B and failure of INSAT 2D. As such the basic delay was due to non-availability of space segment.

(d) The characteristics of the Mobile Satellite Service(MSS) transponders on INSAT- 3C launched in January 2002 are under observation. As there has been considerable delay from the initial launch of the project the demand from the users as well as manufacturability issues for remote terminals and continuous availability of MSS transponders are to be reconfirmed before revival of the project.